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School Safety & Resiliency Act (Senate Bill (SB) 1, 2019) Advisory: School Safety Coordinator
[KRS 158.4412](#) requires the appointment of a **School Safety Coordinator** (SSC) and designates the requirements of the position. The School Safety Coordinator (SSC) shall:

- complete the SSC training program within 6 months of appointment,
- designate a school safety and security threat assessment team at each school consisting of 2 or more staff member to identify and respond to students exhibiting behavior that indicates a potential threat to school safety or security. Members may include school administrators, counselors, SROs, school-based mental health services providers, teachers and other school personnel,
- provide training to principals within the district on procedures for completion of the school security risk assessment,
- review all school security risk assessments completed within the district and prescribe recommendations as needed in consultation with the state school security marshal,
- **advise the superintendent by July 1, 2021**, and annually thereafter of completion of required security risk assessments,
- formulate recommended policies/procedures (excluded from Open Records law) for an all-hazards approach including conducting emergency response drills for hostage, active shooter, and building lockdown situations in consultation and coordination with appropriate public safety agencies for review and adoption as part of school emergency plan required by [KRS 158.162](#). The recommended policies shall encourage the involvement of students, as appropriate, in the development of the school's emergency plan, and,
- ensure each school campus is toured at least once per school year, in consultation and coordination with appropriate public safety agencies, to review policies and procedures and provide recommendations related to school safety and security.

Many of these duties had been previously assigned to the "Safe Schools Coordinator." Moving forward, the duties above will be assigned to the **School Safety Coordinator** though some districts may assign other duties (e.g. model policies, bullying prevention, school climate, and the behavior or Safe Schools data) to the **Safe Schools Administrator**. These will be two distinct roles in Person Role Manager but districts may choose to assign the same person to both of those roles.

School Safety & Resiliency Act (SB 1, 2019) Advisory: Terroristic Threatening, 2nd Degree

Effective with the 2019-2020 school year, [KRS 158.1559](#) mandates school principals provide, within ten (10) days of the first instructional day of each school year, written notice of KRS [508.078](#), [532.060](#), and [534.030](#) to all students, parents, and guardians of students. KDE does not interpret language of KRS 158.1559 to require any specific mode of delivery (e.g., first class mail, by hand, etc.) but can confirm that [KRS 446.030](#) requires the ten (10) day timeline be based on calendar days and the deadline be extended to the next business day if the tenth and final day falls on a weekend, legal holiday, or another day that the district is closed.



School Safety & Resiliency Act (SB 1, 2019) Advisory: Active Shooter Training

[KRS 156.095\(7\)](#) was amended by [Senate Bill 1 \(2019\)](#) and now requires all school district employees having direct contact with students to annually complete, by November 1 of each year, one hour of training on how to respond to an active shooter situation. The statute requires this training be provided “in person, by live streaming, or via video recording” and be “prepared by the Kentucky Department of Education.” As required by law, the Kentucky Department of Education has compiled the following training options that districts and their employees may use during the 2019-2020 school year to fulfill the active shooter training requirement under KRS 156.095(7):

1. FEMA Emergency Management Institute: [IS-907 Active Shooter: What Can you Do](#)
2. AlerT: [Active Shooter Training for School Staff](#)
3. Department of Homeland Security: [Active Shooter Emergency Action Plan Video](#)
4. Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center: [Active Shooter Situations: Describing Unique Challenges Involved in Preparing for, Responding to and Recovering from a School-Based or Postsecondary Institution Shooting](#)
5. Explore Secure: [How to Survive an Active Shooter or Terrorist Attack – Animation](#)
6. Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice Training: [Active Shooter Training for Kentucky Educators](#)

Note: Videos 1, 3, and 6 contain content that may be sensitive for some participants.

Because all approved trainings are all readily accessible, KDE recommends that staff hired “after the training has been provided for the school year” still complete one of these training options pursuant to KRS 156.095(7)(a). In the event that is not feasible and a district would like to use the alternative method provided for in KRS 156.095(7)(b), slides from the Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center training are available from KDE.

Human Trafficking Protocol for Educators

In collaboration with the Human Trafficking State Task Force, KDE is working to create awareness on the issue of child human trafficking. One task has been to create a one-page [protocol](#) which lists indicators of trafficking, how to report suspected cases, as well as how to support the subsequent investigation. Training for educators on risk factors for vulnerable children and the signs of trafficking is available from KDE as well as the Attorney General’s office. After reporting a suspected case, educators must be cautious not to intervene in a way that might jeopardize an investigation because victims are under the power and control of the trafficker and often try to protect the trafficker. Please distribute this protocol to staff in your district. Also to make sure that your district is in compliance with [KRS 156.095](#), make sure that all your schools display the National Human Trafficking Reporting Hotline. [Posters](#) are available from our website.

Mass Violence and Mental Health

[The National Council for Behavioral Health](#) just released “[Mass Violence in America: Causes, Impacts and Solutions](#)” to provide important insights into the link between mental illness and mass violence. Recent public shootings have increased the dialogue regarding the link between mental illness and mass violence. According to the report, **“people with serious mental illness are responsible for less than 4 percent of all violence and less than one-third of mass violence.”**

Statistics bear out that most people who commit mass violence do not have a serious mental illness. Researchers found that there “is a modest link between mental illness and violence, there is no basis for the generalized fear of people with a mental illness.” They also found that other factors such as demographics and isolation from society play a critical role. The report also offers recommendations including creating threat assessment teams and providing [Mental Health First Aid](#) training. The [Executive Summary](#) is also available for review.

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